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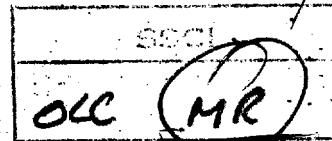
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: George L. Cary  
Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Talking Points for 9 September 1977 Meeting  
with Chairman Daniel K. Inouye (D., Hawaii),  
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence



1. (U) Action Required: None; for information only.
2. (C) Here is a list of subjects you may want to raise with Chairman Inouye at your meeting today:

a. (C) Charters - The target date for new Executive Order is the end of September. SSCI comments have been solicited, received, and considered. You might want to mention that we are looking at the advantages of a reorganization plan.

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d. (C) Destruction of Records - We have several times pleaded with the SSCI to proceed to develop procedures to grant the Agency approval to destroy documents. The original "moratorium" ended in June 1976; nevertheless, no material has been destroyed because former Director Bush agreed to give the Committee authority over destruction of documents and the Committee has never developed procedures to conduct this. Most recently, you sent a letter dated 18 June 1977 to the Senator on this question. This letter has not sparked a response. I suggest you mention your personal concern about this matter to the Senator, emphasizing almost 10,999 square feet of documents are awaiting Committee approval for destruction and this is a tremendous storage burden.

e. (C) Subcommittee Organization - The SSCI presently has six Subcommittees: Intelligence and the Rights of Americans; Budget Authorization; Collection, Production and Quality; Charters and Guidelines; Secrecy and Disclosure; and, Special Investigations. The only Subcommittee necessarily permanent is Budget, and possibly Investigations; the others have a function which can be completed, and the subcommittee disestablished. The SSCI has created subcommittees with very specific tasks, i. e., Secrecy and Disclosure, and Intelligence and the Rights of Americans Subcommittees. While these may be advantageous to the Community, for example the creation of the Secrecy Subcommittee has spawned the first ever comprehensive Congressional look at the problem of protecting classified intelligence, these Subcommittees also have a tendency to create work to justify their existence. This is also partly a function of the large SSCI staff (approximately 25 professionals). In contrast, the new House Permanent Select Committee has established four general Subcommittees: Budget, Legislation, Oversight, and Evaluation. In our view,

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fewer subcommittees, with more general, flexible functions, and an overall reduction in the size of the staff, would be advantageous. This would be consistent with Chairman Inouye's desire to reduce the number of Committee members when the first "class" comes up for rotation off the Committee.



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